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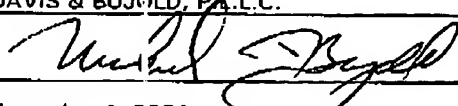

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Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in reply to the office action mailed October 12, 2004.

**In the Claims:**

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